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SUBJECT:LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 25 DECIDED TO BAR PARTICIPATION BY FOREIGN TEAMS IN FUTURE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES. DECISION AFFECTS LITTLE LEAGUE (AGES 9-12) ONLY AND DOES NOT APPLY TO SENIOR LEAGUE (AGES 13-15) AND BIG LEAGUE (AGES 16-18) WORLD SERIES. LITTLE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS HAS INFORMED US THAT LITTLE LEAGUES WORLD-WIDE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS DECISION BY LETTER.

2. LITTLE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA. ISSUED PRESS RELEASE TODAY ANNOUNCING DECISION. NO SPECIFIC REASONS WERE GIVEN FOR DECISION, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED MERELY AS RESULT OF REVIEW AND REASSESSMENT OF LITTLE LEAGUE PROGRAM.

3. HOPEFULLY DECISION'S ADVERSE IMPACT ON ROC WILL BE MITIGATED BY ACROSS-THE-BOARD BAN ON ALL FOREIGN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS. KISSINGER

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